

## THOMAS OCTAVIOUS LEE AND ELLEN TADWELL LEE



Thomas Octavious Lee, son of Richard and Lydia Lee, was born in Nottingham,

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England, December 4, 1823. In March of 1844 he and Ellen Tadwell were married. Ellen, daughter of Thomas Tadwell and Mary Nodder of Mansfield, England, was a member of the LDS Church, and so was her husband, he being the only member of his family to join. They became the parents of four children. The oldest daughter died of smallpox when very young.

Thomas Lee performed a one-year mission for the Church at Barnsley, England, while the children were small. Ellen, her children and two other families lived in the Social Hall at Sheffield, where she helped to keep the hall clean, took in washing, helped the missionaries from America, and taught Sunday School classes.

In 1860, Ellen Lee and the oldest son, John, came to Utah, crossing the plains in Joseph W. Young's company. They worked in Salt Lake City to earn money to help with travel expenses for the rest of the family to come to Utah.

Thomas O. Lee and his children, Mary Lavina, 17, and Orson Henry, 13, arrived in Salt Lake City in the autumn of 1863. They traveled by train and in a box car as far as St. Joseph, Missouri. The American Civil War was on and they were glad for even a box car. Then they crossed the plains in a handcart company. In 1864 the family moved to Heber, but in March of 1865, Thomas Lee was killed in a rockslide while getting out sandstone east of Heber, with the intention of using it to build a home for his family.

Ellen Lee and son John moved back to Salt Lake to get work, while Orson stayed with his sister Mary, who had married William Denton Moulton. During the holiday period of 1867, John Lee was making a trip from Salt Lake to Heber to visit his sister and brother when he became lost in a blizzard, being trapped in deep snow for eight days before being found, badly frozen, and taken the last 15 miles to his sister's home. He suffered terribly for three weeks longer before he died. Because of the severe winter his mother was unable to attend his funeral.

Ellen Lee moved back to Heber and lived until she was 77 years old. She did whatever she could for her support, with help from Orson and Mary. Young people wed her. She taught Sunday School 20

## RACHEL ANN JONES LEE AND ORSON HENRY LEE



Rachel Ann Jones Lee was born January 8, 1861, in Fairview, Sanpete County, Utah, daughter of Elisha and Sarah Ann Cummings Jones.

She was baptized September 5, 1869.

She was married to Orson Henry Lee on February 12, 1880, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She served as Relief Society president many years in the Elkhorn Ward. She was a kind and loving wife, mother and neighbor, always ready to assist anyone in time of sickness or trouble.

To help with the family finances, at different times she had a general store in

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her front room. She baked 18 loaves of bread every day for six or eight months for the men who were building the railroad grade that went through their property. She raised geese to sell and took in boarders, men who worked in the Ontario mine.

She was noted for her beautiful handwork of all kinds, receiving awards in county and state fairs. She was an invalid the last 10 years of her life, but continued to create beautiful gifts for friends and relatives. She was a widow 18 years, passing away January 22, 1940, at Daniels, Wasatch County, Utah, at the age of 79.

Orson Henry Lee was born October 28, 1850, in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, son of Thomas Octavis and Ellen Tadwell Lee.

He was baptized in 1858 at Sheffield, England, from which country he left in 1863 at the age of 13, arriving in Salt Lake that same fall.

He was rebaptized May 18, 1878, and ordained an Elder the following day. He married Rachel Ann Jones on February 12, 1880, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To this union were born seven children, six of whom still live. They spent most of their married life on a dairy farm in Elkhorn. For approximately 35 years he made a daily trip from Elkhorn to Park City, supplying the mines with meat and dairy products.

He was superintendent of the Sunday School and first counselor to the bishop for 15 years. He served as bishop 10 years. After that he was a ward teacher. He was kind, inoffensive, humble and a true Latter-day Saint. He died November 15, 1922, in Heber, at the age of 72.

## MARY LYDIA LEE HAUSEY



Mary Lydia Lee is loved by all because of her unusual ability to care for the ill and aged.

Lydia was born to Orson Henry and Rachel Ann Jones Lee on April 15, 1889, in Heber, Utah.

She spent her early life in Wasatch County and attended school there.

On September 20, 1920, she married George H. Hausey of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in Le Grande, Oregon.

Since his death, February 27, 1950, she has devoted her entire time to the operation of a rest home for aged women.

The old Abraham Hatch residence at 81 East Center, at first proved adequate, but later she found it necessary to remodel and use her home on First West.

During the nine years of service with her gifts of kindness, tolerance, mercy, compassion and encouragement, she has brought joy and comfort to 25 patients.

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